

# DEFENDING THE WELFARE STATE AND PUBLIC SERVICES

## MARCH & RALLY

### SAT 10 APRIL 2010

#### ASSEMBLE 12 noon for 1pm

#### Temple Place, Embankment

#### RALLY 2pm

#### Trafalgar Square

#### Speakers, music and entertainment

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Since 1948, Britain has supported the principle that state pensions, health care, education and other public services are best provided by society as whole.

### This is now under threat.

- The state pension is totally inadequate, leaving at least 1 in 4 older people to live in poverty
- 7m households have a child living in poverty and existing benefits provide a very limited safety net
- Unemployment now stands at over 2m and workfare offers no solution
- 10m adults are disabled and face huge barriers to escaping financial hardship
- The NHS is slowly being privatised behind a smokescreen of choice and competition, and patients are suffering as a result
- Our public services are now facing massive cuts and further privatisation

The welfare state and public services are an essential part of any civilised society - pooling the risk across the population and providing support and services to us all.

### Let's speak out now!

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